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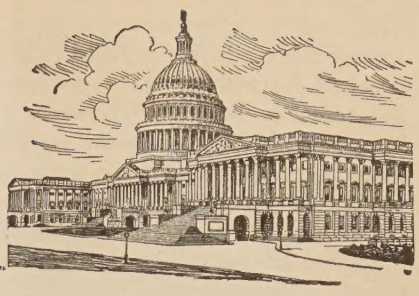

Missionary Receipts Far Ahead

MISSIONARY receipts in both the Northern and Southern Conventions are far ahead of those for the same period of last year. This is an encouraging report and indicates more than usual activity during the summer months. It also indicates growth in stewardship. Our prediction in an editorial in the July issue that receipts for the current Convention year would run ahead of last year, are being borne out. Baptists are preparing for a real offensive when the war ends—and in the meantime they are responding to the call of a suffering world.

Three Great Leaders

SOUTHERN Baptists with four and one half million members have three Seminaries. Two of these institutions have recently elected new presidents. Dr. Ellis Fuller, Atlanta, succeeds Dr. J. R. Sampey at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. E. D. Head, Houston, succeeds Dr. L. R. Scarborough at Southwestern. The selection of these two outstanding preachers indicates the desire of Southern Baptists to emphasize preaching and evangelism, for the new presidents have excelled in both. It is probable that no two men in the Southern Convention exemplify the spirit of preaching and evangelism as do these good men. Our best wishes are extended to them and the institutions they now lead.

It Took A War To Do It

THIS month a distinguished group of Protestant clergymen issued a statement calling for the defeat of the Axis powers "because at stake is the Christian concept of man's destiny." We heartily approve the statement and believe it voices the opinion of the majority of Christians in the United States. Having said that we go on to say that, "It Took A War To Do It." The declaration embodies the principles which have been preached by those with a Social conscience for many years. Some of the signers of the statement have never before, so far as we know, signed their names to a document that might in any way be interpreted as giving aid and comfort to advocates of the Social Gospel. Here are the principles set forth in the statement: *"to make industrial production the servant of the common good, we must prepare to renounce the prejudice of color, class and race—we must assume our responsibility . . . for the ordered life of a community of nations—we must . . . bring out . . . a happier and juster world . . . ."* If these principles are basic now why have they not been basic all along? Is it possible that we must have a war to bring men together on basic principles? If we are ever to bring in the Kingdom of God we must agree on basic principles. Theological differences would be solved over night if we really wanted them solved. Denominations of the same name would be united over night if basic principles were used as the measure of unity. If it takes unity and cooperation to liquidate international gangsters—what about the arch-gangster Satan? In all probability war will force the solution. If so, it will be worth all it costs.

The Cape May Conference

FOR many years Southern Baptists have assembled by the thousands at Ridgecrest, North Carolina from June until September. Here on the 965 acres owned by the Convention the Sunday School Board administers conferences representing all phases of Southern Baptist work. Ridgecrest has done more to promote the individual and unified work of the important agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention than any other one thing. Northern Baptists need similar conferences. The scope of the Northern Baptist territory would demand at least three—east, middle west, and far-west. A start was made in August at Cape May, New Jersey. The work of the Publication Society, Foreign Mission Board, and Home Mission Board, sponsored the first two weeks. The third week was given over to "Preaching Week." *The United States Baptist* strongly recommends the development of this type of promotional work. Under denominational sponsorship the conferences would in time draw thousands of Northern Baptists and the denomination would reap benefits similar to those now enjoyed by the Southern Baptist Convention. Rev. Robert D. Carrin, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Cape May, must be given credit for the idea of this first conference. His ideal was given generous support by Dr. Earl Adams, Dr. Luther Wesley Smith, Dr. G. Pitt Beers, Dr. Jesse Wilson, Miss Alice Brimson, and Mrs. Howard Wayne Smith. Attendance at both Ridgecrest and Cape May this year deepens our conviction that this type of promotional work is essential. *The United States Baptist* offers its facilities in promoting it.

Coming Peace Proposals

IT is generally agreed by those in Washington who have access to sources of information that two peace proposals will be forthcoming in the near future. One of these proposals will be from Hitler in the form of an offer of an honorable peace to Great Britain and the United States —presumably after Hitler has brought Russia to terms. The other will be from the Pope addressed to all the nations. It is a foregone conclusion that both these proposals, if and when they come, will be ignored or refused. The allied nations are determined to see this war through to its bitter end and to fight until the enemy is vanquished.

There will be no peace except upon the terms of the victorious allies. Hitler is ill-advised if he thinks any proposal of his will be taken seriously. The Pope, whose influence has diminished in recent months, may feel that his proposal will receive the consideration due the high place he occupies. But the Pope has taken sides in this conflict—a charge which he would deny. His course in recent months has put him on the side of the axis powers otherwise he would openly align himself with the allied powers who are trying to preserve the Christian faith among other things. When the enemy is defeated and the peace terms are being written, the influence of the Pope will not count for much. He lost his opportunity because he failed to throw the full weight of his position on the side of those who are fighting for the preservation of the thing which he claims to represent.

Supernatural Wisdom Needed

SECLUDED somewhere in a big house on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington—a big White House, known to every man, woman, boy and girl in the United States—sits a man who carries in his heart and mind the sorrows, heart aches and hopes of all men who love freedom. This tremendous burden carried by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt was not of his choosing. It was thrust upon him. He could not in all honor refuse to accept it, for he is an honorable man. Liberation of the world from the heel of the oppressor rests upon the decisions the President will make within the next few months. No man recognizes his own insufficiency better than the President. He desires additional wisdom—supernatural wisdom. It is the high privilege of every praying person to call upon Almighty God to give President Roosevelt that additional wisdom. Wisdom that will give vision, discernment, hope, power of speech, comfort, and ablity to make the right decisions at the right time. The columnists tell him what to do. The critics whimper and whine. The "experts" attempt to make his decisions for him in advance. President Roosevelt is not depending on the wisdom of the flesh. He is depending on the wisdom which Almighty God will give in answer to the petitions of praying men and women. It would be fitting indeed for the heads of our three great Conventions to designate one Sunday morning service for a united hour of prayer in behalf of President Roosevelt. We beseech God that His wisdom may fall upon the secluded man in the White House.

Diminishing Racial Lines

IT is not necessary to marshal facts to prove that racial lines are diminishing throughout the world. This global war is evidence that race does not count when the fighting begins, and that color is not the measure of a man's courage and patriotism. If color or race is no proof of a man's superiority why should men who do not happen to be white be denied the ordinary privileges of citizens in times of peace or war? This race question is fundamental in the United States and we have got to solve it in the Christian spirit. One who ignores the fact that the Negro is now assuming his proper place in the realm of citizenship and who would continue to deny the Negro his created right to opportunity and justice, has no understanding of the teachings of Jesus Christ. This question is especially important to Baptists. Of the 12,000,000 Negroes in this country 5,000,000 are nominally Baptist. Naturally, this large group of Negro Baptists look to white Baptists to lead out in paths of better understanding and cooperation and in the aggressive recognition of the just rights of the Negro race. While much has been done, and is being done, we fear that the seriousness of the issues involved have not been realized by many leaders, and certainly the masses are not very conscious of the issues. There is no current field of activity more important. It is possible that Negro Baptists can be lost—not only to the Baptist cause, but to the Church.

The Liquor Question

DR. GEORGE B. CUTTEN made charges against the liquor forces at the Northern Baptist Convention which have been literally devoured by those opposing the traffic, and those supporting it. It took a brave man to do what Dr. Cutten did in the face of the tremendous odds against him. His address has probably done more to arouse and encourage those who long for the destruction of the traffic than any that has been made in years. We are of the opinion, however, that Dr. Cutten, wise man that he is, does not rate very high the chances of anything much being done about it soon. The forces supporting the liquor debacle are so strong and so united that one might as well throw a pebble at the rock of Gibraltar—hoping thereby to topple it over. Here are the groups strong and united: the liquor industry, organized labor, the Roman Catholic Church, leading daily newspapers and magazines, the columnists, the radio industry, national political leadership, members of the President's cabinet, and many members of the Congress of the United States. Here is a force so strong and so united that the opposition forces are as helpless as lambs before hungry and ferocious beasts. It is a long, long, hard road back to sobriety and we might as well face the fact. National Prohibition will never again be the law of the land. We might as well face that fact. Our only hope is to go right back to the old local option campaigns and vote the stuff out precinct by precinct, county by county—as many as we can. In other words, our strategy is to get rid of as much of it as we can. We can make most of this country dry if we will see to it that only dry candidates are elected in these counties from constable to judge. From that point we can begin to send men to state capitals who will vote dry and men to the Congress who will vote dry. *The Watchman-Examiner* was absolutely right in its editorial of April 6th. We have got to fight politics with politics from constable to the Presidency. And we have got to set up a national dry organization headed by the shrewdest political strategist we can find. It will be a long, long, hard road—county by county, state by state. We can make most of this country dry in that way, and in no other. In the meantime the guzzlers will guzzle to their hearts content, the liquor industry will harvest its millions, the newspapers, magazines, radio and the columnists (Pegler type) will get good money at the cost of national and individual character. For the present conditions we have only ourselves to blame. We were Democrats and Republicans before we were drys. God forgive us and endow us with courage to begin all over—if we have learned our lesson.

Individual And Social Guilt In The War

By T. VALENTINE PARKER, Binghamton, N. Y.

THE prayer of the publican can be as hypocritical as that of the Pharisee. We forget that—or don't realize it. There can be a confession of sin that has in it the smugness of affection. Anyone who poses as a sinner where he is not is a sinner where he thinks he is not.

A present and particular application of this is in respect of guilt for the war. With a pious sigh that is not meant to be insincere the confession is made: "We are all guilty." The writer possibly speaks for others than himself when he enters a denial. There is no one more ready to utter the prayer of the publican or is more contritely earnest in offering it than he. But that utterance becomes unreal if the sins confessed are not genuine—alas! too many of them are! But how are such as he guilty in respect of this terrible war? Those of whom I write urged international adventure and co-operation in friendship; deprecated the promotion of the spirit of war, expiated upon the righteousness and beauty of peace, deplored the recrudescence of race hate and tried to inculcate the principles of brotherhood. They disapproved of unfair tariff barriers. They opposed the discrimination in immigration laws against Japanese. They advocated an acceptance of the World Court. During all the years between the two wars they worked zealously to advance the cause of peace and to substitute the court of justice for the field of battle as the arbiter of international disagreements. How, then, can such honestly plead guilty of a share in the sin of promoting the war?

The answer given with alacrity is that the sin is not individual, but social. Because the individual is part of a guilty society he therefore is involved in its sin. He is. But is he guiltily involved? To answer in the affirmative makes sin unreal. Is the American citizen who hates graft and fights it also guilty of it because American politics is honeycombed with it? Is the martyr for conscience sake slain by society guilty of his own death? It is only upon such general ground that we can be considered even partially guilty. Upon such a ground an upright God-fearing citizen may be held to share in the guilt of every specific gangster outrage committed, because his defects as a man and a citizen have contributed to the imperfection of society from which crime springs. This logic would hold Jesus guilty in part of the sins of Sadducees and Pharisees. Parenthetically we might mark an interesting, practical inconsistency here. The same ones who hold the most innocent of Americans to be involved in the guilt of war admonish us that we must not condemn the Germans as a whole because many Germans are opposed to Hitler and all his evil ways.

Are God's ways, then, unjust? Is not the war the judgment of God upon us all? First, what do we mean by the war as the judgment of God upon us? That the war is God's punishment deliberately inflicted upon us for our sins? Obviously not. Few of us would or could return to this cruel simplicity of the dominant theology of the Old Testament. In the Old Testament itself the book of Job is a question and a protest concerning this kind of an explanation of God's rule and we in our modern time deny that because Israel sinned God sent war or pestilence as a punishment. Such doctrines have become morally untenable. No: God is not the author of our World War. The authors are Germany and Japan—not God. Even so, we mean by Germany, Hitler and his adherents; by Japan, the militarists and their followers. But did not the United States by tariffs, race discrimination and similar policies share in the guilt? America—and no other nation—has completely or with approximate completeness substituted the golden rule for self interest in international relations. Indeed none has gone very far in that direction. But after all Japanese exclusion and such policies were domestic regulations and recognized as such by international law and not a *casus belli*. Are these, though, an assertion of American superiority? Not necessarily. But if they were, Germany, Japan—all nations—are arrogant as well as selfish. The guilt of war does not attach to us just because we like the rest are snobbish. Everybody knows America wanted peace. It is only in the sense that we have not always been altruistic that war guilt fastens upon us. Our guilt was remote and relatively little. For many Americans, as we have remarked, there was no guilt at all. Does God punish indiscriminately not only relatively innocent with guilty nations but also entirely innocent with actively guilty individuals?

This confronts us directly with the relation of the individual and society and the guilty and (relatively at least) not-guilty society—and specifically in respect of God and this war.

In what sense, then, is the war a judgment of God? Clearly in the sense that God has created a world of moral law where evil produces consequences of sorrow and disaster. If it were not so the world would be immoral or at most non-moral. If German ruthlessness prevails, it is Germany violating God's law that brings disaster to herself and to others. It is not of God's ordering. We cannot call the wickedness of man or nation the punishment of God. God bears with it—forbears. Why? Our only answer is that the world is a school where we must learn that a moral two plus two equals four; that w-a-r spells "war" and not "peace"—and many other lessons.

This leaves unsolved the problem of the suffering of the innocent with the guilty—individuals or nations. Of this there is no easy solution as everyone knows. Yet we may see that the benefits of the social nexus are immeasurable. Indeed society conditions the development of the individual. No man can attain spiritual stature in isolation. To achieve the kingdom of God men must learn to live together. This itself involves the suffering of the innocent with the guilty—again individuals and nations. It ought, therefore, to be quite evident that the suffering of the innocent with the guilty because of the social structure of human living is quite different from the sharing of the innocent in the guilt of society.

To return to our initial consideration of the position of those who cannot honestly consider themselves as sharing in war guilt although they discover themselves as included in the sorrows of war: we surely may not shove them from the publican's corner to the Pharisees' dais. Their sin has not been that of promoting war. Yet they know that they have been guilty of other sins and are therefore involved by their own wrong-doing in the sin of society. Although their sins may not produce war they do produce conflict and sorrow. In this mood they are ready to enter vicariously—not with self-righteousness—into sympathy with the sinners (not with the sin) and thus may groan with the sin of a war which they hate and of which they have been innocent. This attitude is vastly different from the assumption of guilt where there is the consciousness of innocence. There is with all of us a consciousness of sin, that is, consciousness of a nature with too many sinful inclinations. An awareness of this condition and a confession of it are wholesome. But a general confession of sin must unveil, not veil, specific sins. Human nature is too often willing to confess spurious sins, but is reluctant to confess genuine sins. The words of the prayer may be the publican's when the spirit is that of the Pharisee.

War and Baptist Churches

CYRIL E. BRYANT

IF the church is to win the world to Christian thinking, it must meet squarely war's denial and defiance of Jesus' teaching on infinite value of the individual.

There must be an emphasis on personal counseling, leading the individual to face his own problems and see that Christ has the answer to all the perplexities war has poured upon him.

It means less reliance on the old-fashioned revival meeting. It means the Christian home must be emphasized as a center in the program of rebuilding society.

So answered a cross section of Baptist ministers when Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins, professor of Religious Education and Church Efficiency at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, questioned them on how their churches are meeting the strain war has placed on the religious life of the nation.

The ministers — representative in thought and pastoring churches of varied sizes—also reported that:

War has brought about a notable increase in attendance at preaching services and a decided and uniform increase in financial gifts to the churches.

Preachers are revitalizing their sermons, presenting a vigorous and a challenging gospel to meet the need for spiritual interpretation of the world struggle.

The church is leading out in solving community problems, especially that of transportation.

A great missionary era is in the making.

Dr. Dobbins sent out questionnaires to 150 preachers, and had replies from 100. He then checked his tabulations with the opinions of another 125 preachers who attended his conference for pastors at the Southwide Baptist Training Union Assembly at Ridgecrest, N. C.

The Seminary professor accounted for the increase in preaching attendance by saying the people of America are feeling a concern for spiritual interpretation of the war and the meeting of its trials. Too, he said, the people are responding to the revitalized preaching brought about as the ministers strive to meet the present needs.

A decrease in Sunday school and a slight decrease in Baptist Training Union attendance was noticed in the returns. This is accounted for by removal of enlisted members from the community and a disruption of schedule that leaves the person with time for only one church service, which he prefers to be the preaching hour.

The increase in giving has been noted, largely due to the increased income of church members now employed in war industries.

The turning to war subjects does not deflect from the gospel message, the pastors assured Dr. Dobbins. Instead it gives them concrete illustrations on which to peg the sermon, and stimulates within the congregation the deep desire to learn the Christian interpretation of today's world issues. It often is a source of comfort to those who have given loved ones to the American cause.

One minister, however, replied, "In preaching I refer to the war, but only incidentally. I believe the same principles that make for stability at one time will make for stability at another. In public prayers we more often refer to the securing of world peace."

And completely different is the minister who has promised his congregation they can come to his preaching services and, for that hour in the week, not hear a single mention of the war.

Aside from their preaching, the pastors are being kept busy in a ministry to soldiers and families affected by the war. They visit families from which members have gone, counsel with draftees and others and contact by correspondence or otherwise those who have gone from the church. In military areas they work directly with the men.

Many are participating in Red Cross, air raid and similar safety service, and in the United Service Organizations. Throughout the correspondence there was graphic evidence that ministers who helped organize U.S.O. units are now in a dilemma because of its secularized program.

In the main there have been no radical changes in the church program, Dr. Dobbins reported. Many churches are holding special services and have inaugurated new activities for service men and defense workers in the community. In no cases have services been cancelled.

Transportation was listed as the chief difficulty being experienced by the churches. In seeking to remedy it, the churches are leading, Dr. Dobbins said, in solving the entire community's problem. Questionnaires being given out to members in many of the churches seek to work out methods where families may double up and ride in the same car to church and extend this same arrangement for regular and economical transportation of the working members to and from work on weekdays.

Disruption of routine, war mindedness, absorption in material things and distractions from spiritual interests were marked by the preachers as other difficulties in church work just now.

The situation, the preachers wrote Dr. Dobbins, calls for deepened consecration of the people. The preachers are basing their sermons on the greater and more evangelistic themes of the Bible. They aim to change the attitude of their constituents, giving sanity to their part in the war effort and instilling a spirit of "fighting without hate and winning without vengeance."

In answering the question "What of the religious outlook for the future, considering both the war and the eventual peace?", the ministers were uniformly optimistic that a great era of missions will emerge. They indicated that a great many changes in methods and organization will be needed in the church itself. The deepened need of the people will provide a greater evangelistic opportunity than has been true formerly.

There was a 50-50 vote as to whether "churches and ministers will have a hard time" or "an era of great prosperity for the churches lies ahead." There was a feeling that suffering will bring moral and spiritual refinement, yet there will probably be a period of spiritual deterioration.

It was a unanimous verdict, however, that deepening of the spiritual lives of the people is the best strategy in meeting the challenge of the crisis. "The only hope in the remaking of society," Dr. Dobbins said, "comes by changed individuals in changed groups in a changed society with hearts set in Christian sharing. Changed individuals are the fruit of teaching and preaching. Thus upon the church and the preacher falls the responsibility of remaking the world."

The ministers felt there must be a renewed emphasis on preaching and more concentration on visiting and personal counseling. They voiced strong favor for an emphasis on personal soul winning and a decrease in the emphasis on annual revival meetings.

The Christian home, the preachers said, must stand as the center of the program of rebuilding society.

The letters, Dr. Dobbins reported, indicate the ministers are driving harder toward the ultimate end of a just and enduring peace than for simply winning the war. The majority pleaded that the missionary enterprise be made a dominant part of the denominational program.

Thought Out Prayers

By ARTHUR STEVENS PHELPS, Berkeley, Calif.

ACCOMPANYING a former theological classmate to his church in a western city where I was to preach that morning, he suddenly stopped and exclaimed: "I have not thought out my prayer!" It was a new idea to me at that time. I had always thought out my sermons, as a matter of course. It is an insult to a congregation to stand up before them to speak without having made careful preparation of what you are to say to them. Does God deserve less consideration? He is the preacher's source of supply, "from whom all blessings flow." I should not approach the governor of my state on an important mission without spending time enough to put my ideas in a manner calculated to bring the desired result. Yet I had hitherto trusted to luck—you might almost put it that way—or to repetition of previous prayers, for what I should include in a petition to the King of kings! He is bored by "vain repetitions." An ingenious oriental has invented an attachment to the Prayer-wheel by which its much speaking may be furthered whirling. "Swing" may now be transferred from the dance to that type of prayer. Perhaps it is monotonous precation that has led to the irreverent habit of sitting erect with eyes open during prayer in church.

If the minister hopes to raise the tone of his "opening exercises" above the average level of dreary monotony, he must impart devotion to the Bible reading (if he hopes to attract interest to it), the music (if such it can be called), the atmosphere of the sanctuary (if it is not too distracting), that he and his "hearers" may be elevated by all of these things. Is ours a "calling" or a profession? How many listen to a raked-up "message," or "unite" in prayer? A thought out prayer discourages such conventionalized or cant expressions on the part of him who offers it, and in the mental processes of those listening. We could probably count on our fingers the number of persons who if called up unexpectedly to pray in public would be likely to say anything that in expression, in thought or in feeling would lift the spiritual state of those that hear them. But there are such leaders. I would rather hear Beecher, or Truett pray than to hear them preach. And their names stand near the top of America's preachers. I heard a man say in a derogatory tone that he did not like public prayers, "because they are generally offered for the sake of the listeners." Well? Do you remember that Jesus, after praying in public, said to God, "For the sake of them that stand by I said it"? If kindness is a prayer, it is also true that prayer is a kindness. When it is most needed, it is most appreciated. A public prayer is not offered for its eloquence, but for its sympathetic quality. We pray for our auditors, not at them. If the man praying wants God to remember his audience, he himself should remember them.

Since prayer springs from the heart as well as from the brain, it should be prepared for in sentiment as well as in sentences. It is easy to derogate emotion, specially by those that are poorly endowed with feeling for either God or men. It is not enough to have kindly feelings toward those—or him, or her—for whom we offer a prayer. We should feel a warm flood of sympathy for what we know them to be experiencing. We must "lift up our heart with our hands" to God—is He not our Father? It moved me deeply to learn, when I offered myself as a boy of thirteen under my father's pastorate for church membership in Providence, R. I., that my brother Dryden had been praying for months for my conversion. Why shouldn't he? Why should I not be moved by it? Prayer travels, like the Gulf stream, which rises near our equatorial coast and keeps going till it raises the temperature of England (which lies as far north as Labrador). There should be found as many reasons why we should pray for one nation as why we should be asked to hate another. No wonder that Jesus' brother wrote: "Out of the same mouth cometh blessing and cursing"! He was a prophet. The blossoms of human sympathy are rooted in the soil of deliberate thoughtfulness. When we apologize for a gaucherie by saying, "I didn't think," we should ask ourselves why not. We should then discover that the cause was self-absorption. We fail to "win friends and influence people" by not thinking to pray for them. In absent-mindedness, even the Lord's Prayer can trail off into self-absorption.

That famous prayer was thought out, but by Somebody else. We may repeat it so often and so rapidly that we forget not only whom we are praying for, but whom we are praying to. It contains pronouns of both the first and the second persons, both subjects for reflection. If we have not devoted enough thought to the second word in that famous Prayer, we must also consider the first word. Prayers, like novels, live longest in the memory which analyze character helpfully. Look within, look around, then look above. Somebody in the audience will be pretty sure to be faced with the same perplexities, conscious of the same moral defects, and have reason to be grateful for the same enjoyments as does the petitioner. Therefore it will be well to include these three particulars in the prepared analysis. Jesus invited those that labor and those that carry heavy loads to come to him. Let us bring them. In that section of your prepared prayer which deals with selfishness, laziness, conceit, forgetfulness, playing with life, we should take pains and make haste to include ourselves. The same Jesus who taught us to say OUR Father said also, "Forgive OUR debts." Perversity and weaknesses are not things to be optimistic about. The ninth chapter of several books in the Bible (e.g., Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah) deals exclusively with forgiveness of national sins.

Praying about sins can naturally be followed by praying for sinners. I knew of a man who used to pray the hate out of his heart by invoking blessings on the one that he disliked: "May he (or she) have more friends, more money, better health, greater success, greater peace of mind, than I have." This taught him how to treat his former disassociates in a friendlier manner, by changing his inner attitude toward them. Was it not the Golden Rule? It may well be practiced in war time internationally. I am afraid that Hitler has been neglected somewhat in this regard. If we are to pray for those that need it—then what? Jesus gave us the idea, whom it seems easier to praise than to follow. That is yet another reason why the more formal prayers offered in public should be analyzed before they are delivered, and the analysis committed to memory. A concise analysis will tend to abbreviate them, hold them to the rails, without losing track of one's surroundings and conditions. It will also intensify their earnestness, being held longer over the fire. Who can feel deeply on a subject to which he has devoted no thought?

Nor need the general exclude the specific. One need not pray like the boy, growing sleepy: "Bless papa, bless mamma—bless the whole gang." At least, he was not like the chariots of prayer that fail to reach heaven because they run in ruts—"the same old thing in the same old way." One may aptly introduce an apt quotation from literature, without infringing on its author's copyright. In the same vein, names of individuals may

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Thought Out Prayers

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be mentioned on rare occasions—as Dives asked the Lord to tell Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water. Unless we believe that crossing the "Jordan" transforms character, and thus competes with the new birth, why may we not remember in our prayers, as we do at other times, the dear ones that are on the other side, by the mental telepathy of prayer?

The average prayer, both in public and in private needs waking up. If thinking keeps you awake at night, because you have hit upon some incident, painful or pleasing, that interests you, may it not prove equally profitable by daylight? A visit to the Salvation Army or to a rescue mission may enliven our spirits, like the experience of one whom I heard say, "I felt as if a quarter-section of heaven had caved in on me!" It happens sometimes over the radio that messages can be transmitted in one direction, but not returned. We need two-way transmission to and from above. Thought is a prerequisite.

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Parable of the Draft of Fishes

C. F. BANNING

Now the prophet is as the sons of men. He is a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief, howbeit he loveth joy and laughter in due season. Now one of the sons of men saith unto the prophet, "I go a fishing — go thou and do likewise." And the prophet did follow a good example.

Behold the sunshine was warm and as a healing balm. The water was exceedingly calm and the prophet suffered not the sickness that cometh to those that go down to the sea in ships. The fellowship was as that of David and Jonathan. Moreover the Lord was with him and he caught fish.

Now after a pleasant day which was altogether good the prophet journeyed homeward—happy and contented—bearing his draft of fishes. Behold as he passed through the market place some rude fellows of the baser sort did mock him saying, "Prophet what fine fish thou hast. Whence didst thou buy such fine fish?" The prophet's soul was exceedingly troubled. He sought the jaw bone of an ass wherewith to slay them but none was at hand. Is not sarcasm a terrible thing? It biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder.

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Yet who of us have not heard the gospel declared with such measured and calculating speech as to make no impressions whatsoever on those who listened.

Many a minister could increase the effectiveness of his preaching 100 per cent, if he would but release a bit of warmth—of emotional heat into his speech.

There is a place for emotion in preaching, a very important place, which I fear many of us are forgetting and neglecting. I am not pleading for "sob stuff," but I am urging that we, all of us, who stand before our people as the dispensers of truth, present it so warmly and so appealingly, and so eagerly and urgently, that men and women will again surrender will and affection to Christ.

The chill with which the gospel is often preached, robs it of its converting power. The gospel is to be declared in love, and love is always warm, never cool and calculating. When love simmers and grows cold, it ceases to be divine affection.

DON'T SOFT-PEDAL YOUR VOICE WHEN PREACHING. From my own congregation comes oft-repeated criticism of men who occupy my pulpit concerning the use of the voice. Men who have ample volume, will subdue their voices, that two-thirds of my people cannot hear what the preacher says.

They would be as quick to criticise the man who spoke so "loudly they could not hear what he said," but there is a happy medium. Every preacher ought to train himself studiously and persistently in the use of the voice God gave him.

My contention is that any word or any sentence that is spoken so softly as not to be heard, might just as well not have been said. A small boy was admonished for crying his papers so noisily. It disturbed the neighborhood. "Did you hear me?" inquired the lad. "Sure, we heard you," said the protester. "Well," said the boy, "I was speaking to be heard."

You preacher man, when you speak, are you speaking to be heard, or are you merely a demonstrator of "elocution?" If the first word is worth saying, or the last word, it is worth saying so all may hear it.

The middle pitch is the best for the speaking voice. Not too low, not too high. Straight forward conversational tone is best. If emphasis is required, you can step-up your voice to a higher pitch; if it is desired to speak in a subdued voice, you can lower your voice easily and effectively. But if pitched high, you cannot go higher without a squeak; if pitched too low, you cannot go lower without a grunt.

But with all your speaking, speak to be heard.

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MEETING THE PASTORAL CHANGE PROBLEM

The Pastoral Relations Committee of the Ministers' Council of the Northern Baptist Convention is encouraged by the growth of interest in the type of work it is striving to promote on the part of state conventions and state ministers' councils. Six states have definite committees on pastoral relations, or pastoral change. They are Northern California, Colorado, Illinois, Massachusetts, Ohio and Pennsylvania. Among these Illinois and Pennsylvania have developed the most extensive plans. Standard City Mission Societies in these states cooperate with the state plans.

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During the past year Indiana, Maine and Michigan have had committees pursuing studies preparatory to setting up commissions and methods of work. New Hampshire and Vermont have committees differing somewhat in methods from the others and an additional study is being made by a committee in Connecticut with a view to discovering whether some committee could function for all New England.

The Committee of the N. B. Ministers' Council has furnished data and outlines of methods to the state committees making studies and would be glad to assist like groups in other states.

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In the central states nearly every city or town with a Lutheran Church has a dignified highway sign on the outskirts of the community to direct the passerby to services. The Men's Bible Class of the Montgomery, Pa., Baptist Church has erected fourteen signs. The design is shown here and was arranged by Rev. Gustave Edwin Anderson, pastor of the Church. A special display of the sign was seen at the recent Northern Baptist Convention. W. C. Hall and men of the Bible Class painted the signs with zinc oxide over which a white enamel background coat was applied. The lettering is in dark blue with the Cross in red. They are set "car-level" high and a small white arrow, lettered and bordered in blue indicates the proper time for services and direction. The arrow is placed one foot below the shield. The shield is 20″ wide and 28″ high.

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THEY APPRECIATE SERVICES

The emphasis placed upon religion in the army is illustrated in this portion of a letter to the Rev. Paul Conrad, executive secretary of the World Emergency Fund of the Northern Baptist Convention, written by Warren Wilson, one of Mr. Conrad's "boys" stationed in a southern camp:

"It pleases me no end to find so many of the fellows here who have not forgotten the blessings derived from the house of God. Surely I have no doubt as to the spiritual strength of this part of the Army. If the people at home could see the religious faithfulness of their boys in the Army they would be proud and pleased to know that our physical strength is still fortified by the belief in our Lord and his teachings."

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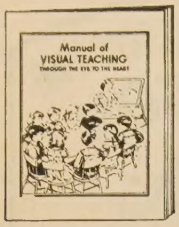

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For the use of Baptist churches this is the best late book I have seen and for Baptist churches of today it is the best book of any sort that I have had the pleasure of sudying. I have other excellent books, but they all lack readings on baptism, hymns on baptism, and the warm gospel hymns that can be used for invitations and on Sunday evenings and in midweek meetings.

If any who read this are interested in purchasing a hymn book for a Baptist church, I should say by all means do not purchase until you have rated this book. And, having done that, I believe you will recommend it to your committee or church.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

"Sentenced To A Pension," a dramatic sketch by G. Merrill Lenox and C. M. Gallup, has been prepared for presentation before State Conventions, Associations, Laymen's Conferences, Women's Meetings, or any local church group.

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"We are pressed on every side, yet not straitened; perplexed, yet not unto despair; pursued, yet not forsaken; smitten down, yet not destroyed." Corinthians 4:8-9.

"Pressed On Every Side"

The invasion of Chekiang Province has sent new floods of penniless refugees streaming into Free China. More help is needed for these victims of warfare, and the Church Committee for China Relief is asking for increased contributions from the churches.

Last year Northern Baptists gave $45,136 from their World Emergency Fund to the Church Committee for China Relief. Much of the relief money made available through the Fund to our two Foreign Mission societies was used by our missionaries in China.

China is looking to America in her hour of peril. By giving to our Northern Baptist World Emergency Fund, you are doing your part to help her.

Make contributions to the Fund through your local church or send them direct to: World Emergency Fund, 152 Madison Avenue, New York.

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NEWS DIGEST . . . By William Park

The Lake Harriet church, Minneapolis, Rev. H. A. Eaton, Pastor, with 360 members, gave last year $1,007 to the World Emergency Fund and the per capita giving for current expenses was $17.98 and $16.82 for missions, or a total of $36.60 per member.

Dr. Charles E. Jefferson, New York City, who died recently left two legacies of $5,000 each to his home town, Cambridge, Ohio. The income from one is for the honor pupil in the high school and the other for the needy of the town.

Dr. A. C. Archibald, after seven years as pastor of the First church, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, has resigned and accepted a call to the Talbot Street church, London, Ontario.

Dr. Everett N. Case is to be the new president of Colgate University, succeeding Dr. George B. Cutten. The University recently conferred the degree of doctor of laws upon his son, Mr. J. Herbert Case, treasurer of the M. and M. Board, banker and former chairman of the Board of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

After 21 years as director of Christian Centers for the Northern Baptist Convention, Dr. John M. Hestenes will retire September 30th and will be succeeded by Dr. John W. Thomas, secretary of City work under the Home Mission Board. The number of Christian Centers grew under Dr. Hestenes from 26 to 67, the value of the property to over $2,500,000 and the total budget to more than $300,000.

Rev. Albert Ashley, Methodist minister of Nashville, Tenn., and graduate of Vanderbilt, has been sentenced to four years of penal servitude for refusal to register for selective service.

The Christian Century reports that 6,000 youth in Kentucky and 30,000 youth in Georgia "were lost to their country because of illiteracy; 'that in Mississippi the number of educable children is 43 per cent whites and 57 per cent Negroes, but Negro schools get 9 per cent of the school funds and the whites get 91 per cent; that the white teachers' average weekly salary is $10.23 and that of Negro teachers is $3.50 and that nine Methodist schools in the South share in the Pfifer estate to the extent of more than $750,000.

Dr. Roland Q. Leavell recently conducted special evangelistic conferences in Western Canada in Winnipeg, Calgary, Regina and Vancouver. In the first two months of his pastorate at Tampa, Fla., he welcomed 100 new members.

The Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Church will receive one-third on an estate valued at $8,500,000 left by the late F. S. Collins of Portland, Oregon.

About 75 churches of the Rochester, N. Y. presbytery cooperated in a "Spiritual Advance Campaign." Among the results $184,000 was raised for debt reductions, an increase of 20% in current expense budgets and 33% in mission budgets and an increase in salaries for some dozen ministers.

During the past three years Dr. U. S. Mitchell has preached to an audience each Sunday morning averaging 557 people. Last year the church gave over $22,250 for all purposes, of which $7,267 was for missions.

Dr. John F. Herget in retiring from the presidency of William Jewell College announced the gift of $350,000 made by Mr. W. D. Johnson, president of the Board of Trustees.

Last year the state of Arkansas paid $18 for every dollar received as revenue from liquor, according to the Watchman-Examiner. License fees amounted to $2,800,000. The people paid $17,500,000 for the liquor sold; "the cost of automobile accidents resulting from that liquor was $4,000,000; the cost of resultant crime was $30,700,000."

John Laws Decker, son of Dr. J. W. Decker, foreign secretary of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and grandson of Dr. Curtis Lee Laws, has been awarded the Thomas B. McAdams Award, given annually to the member of the junior class of Richmond College for outstanding service.

Crozer Seminary has announced that Dr. J. P. Crozer Griffith, late president of the Board of Trustees, left the Seminary $100,000 from his estate and "a further interest in the residuary estate after the lifetime of certain relatives."

Dr. John O. Gross, educational secretary for the Methodists, has announced that during 1941 more than $9,000,000 was distributed to Methodist colleges.

The announcement comes from President Pat M. Neff of Baylor University that the Baylor Hospital, Dallas, is "furnishing a hospital unit to the U. S. Army, with surgeons, physicians, dentists and nurses numbering more than 40." Fifteen members of the faculty of the College of Medicine and two from the Dental College are in the unit.

Dr. Charles E. Maddry, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of Southern Baptists, has announced that they have 31 missionaries in the group to be exchanged for Japanese nationals. Dr. Maddry thought that Southern Baptists had 87 missionaries caught in Japan.

A radio broadcast has been heard in Washington that the German Reich Commissar in Norway has informed the Norwegian Bible Societies that the printing of Bibles must stop.

When the Seventh-day Adventist missionaries fled from their mission in the Celebes they left behind many valuable possessions, among which was a "collection of 15,000 butterflies among which were some very, very rare specimens."

Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, at its annual commencement conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon Rev. Herbert E. Hinton of Indianapolis, Central Representative of the M. and M. Board of the Northern Convention.

Rev. Roy E. Weigand of Farmingdale, S. D., has become director of Evangelism and Christian Education for North and South Dakota.

Time Magazine for June 15 reports that there are more than four million Baptists in Russia, who had never heard of the millions of Baptists in America.

Bishop William Culbertson of the Reformed Episcopal Church is the new dean of Moody Bible Institute. He was a close friend of the late Dr. James M. Gray, president of the Institute.

"Church leaders of 20 or more Protestant trinitarian denominations throughout New England have formed a regional organization of the National Association of Evangelicals for United Action."—The Protestant Voice.

Here's a record. Several thousand people at the camp meeting of the Church of God held at Anderson, Ind., gave over $28,000 for missions in a single service, on the opening day.

Miss Eva E. Dahljelm of Minnesota, a graduate of B.M.T.S., is the "first woman colporteur missionary to be appointed by the American Baptist Home Mission Society." Her field will be Sandpoint, Idaho.

It is almost impossible to believe that Dr. Joe Smith, famous missionary to Burma, who was in this country on furlough, is dead. He died following an emergency operation while in Wisconsin during the last week in July and was buried at Sioux Falls, S. D., on August 2. About the same time Rev. Klein, missionary in Burma was called to his heavenly reward. Mrs. Klein arrived in the U. S. on July 13, along with about 75 other missionaries and their children.

The Baptists of Rhode Island recently honored Dr. William Reid, who has retired after 20 years as executive secretary of the state conventtion, with a great testimonial dinner. 291 sat down to enjoy the fellowship of the hour.

The Presbyterians have raised the age for compulsory retirement to 73 years for the duration, because of the scarcity of preachers.

The Southern Convention at San Antonio adopted a budget calling for $25,000 for radio service, but the Executive Committee has refused to allocate the $25,000 from Southwide Cooperative Program funds, declaring that it was unconstitutional.

Tennessee College, Murfreesboro, Tenn., has secured Dr. John Bunyan Clark, professor of History and dean of Mercer University, Macon, Ga., as its new president.

An average of 7 additions per Sunday is the record of the Citadel Square church, Charleston, S. C., under the leadership of Dr. Wm. R. Pettigrew for the past six years. There was only one Sunday in which he was in the pulpit without additions.

The Methodist Swedish Conference, comprised of about 70 churches has disbanded and advised the Swedish Methodist churches to unite with conferences in the states whe e these churches are located.

Before 1937 all the Greek Orthodox clergy were trained in Greece but in that year a seminary was established at Pomfret, Conn., which now has 12 professors and 85 students.

During the past 15 years the American Baptist Publication Society received from the Unified Budget about $50,000 and spent in colporteur, missionary and Christian education work more than $2,500,000.

The front page of The Protestant Voice, Juy 17, carried a two-column picture of Dr. Brayton Case, one of our famous missionaries in Burma.

Hon. Pat M. Neff of Waco, Texas, who was elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention in May has been president of Baylor University for ten years. He was chairman of the Board of Trustees of Baylor for 25 years. During his presidency the physical assets of Baylor have increased $2,000,000 and a student body of nearly 2300. He served as governor of Texas two terms and is the first layman to be elected president of the Southern Convention since 1910.

A Streamlined Annual Meeting was held this year at the First Church, St. Paul, Minn., where Dr. Sidney W. Powell is pastor, when reports indicated one of the best years in the history of the church. This is the mother church of all Baptist churches in Minnesota.

During the past year the Eastern Seminary had an enrollment of 258.

Warren Eggleston won first place for Sioux Falls College in the men's oratorical contest of the National Phi Rho Pi junior college tournament held at Excelsior Springs, Mo. Juanda Barton of Sioux Falls College won fourth in the finals of the women's division in oratory, while Marilyn Smith and Shirley Higgins won third in the finals of the women's debate section.

George C. Stebbins, in the village of Catskill, N. Y., has just celebrated his 96th birthday. He began his public musical career as director of music in the First Baptist Church, Chicago, in 1870, and was associated with Moody and Sankey for years. He is the author of more than 1,500 hymns.

G. Baez Camargo, in Christian Century, reports that a new anti-Protestant campaign has been launched in Mexico and that the Roman Catholic press calls Protestantism "Public Enemy Number One." The Mexican Baptist Convention was held recently at Puebla, with over 200 delegates present, who elected Alejandro Trevino Ojeda, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Mexico City, as president. The convention reported more than 500 baptisms and over 2,500 conversions for the year.

The First Baptist Church of Burlington, N. C., was host to the North Carolina Council of Churches, with more than 600 in attendance. Dr. John R. Mott was a speaker. The Council's activities include, "weekly radio, race relations, student conferences, rural life and work programs, church news bureau, support of the Christian Education Advance conferences."

Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kansas, has conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Education on President Barrett Lowe of Sioux Falls College. Congratulations.

Baptists of North and South Dakota have honored Rev. W. H. Bayles, who has just retired as director of Christian Education, after a service of 20 years. In good health, he retires because he has reached the age limit.

In the preliminary organization of the Denver General Committee for the Northern Convention in Denver in 1943, Dr. C. W. Kemper has been elected chairman and Dr. Henry G. Smith, Calvary church, vice-chairman. Dr. Kemper delivered the baccalaureate sermon for the University of Wyoming this spring.

A Christian World Mission Convocation is to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, in December, under the auspices of the seven leading interdenominational organizations in America.

The special committee of 1,000 chose President Roosevelt to receive "The Churchman's annual award for the promotion of good will and better understanding among all peoples." Others who have received this award are Mrs. Roosevelt, Wendell Willkie and William Allen White.

The Pennsylvania Council of Churches in their annual convention denounced "the commercialization of Sunday under the guise of patriotism." The convention also urged passage by Congress of the Sheppard bill, designed to protect the armed forces from prostitution and liquor in camp areas.

Mercer University, Georgia, in order to cooperate in the war effort, has cancelled all intercollegiate athletic contests until the victory is won.

Dr. Warner Cole, who delivered a great address at the Northern Convention in Cleveland, is pastor of the Dexter Boulevard Church, Detroit, and is leading in a great church building program. More than $80,000 was raised last year. They hold two services on Sunday mornings to take care of the attendance.

On a recent Sunday Rev. C. A. Bentley, missionary to the Crow Indians in Montana, baptized 20 before an audience of 237, all they could get in the building.

Missionary giving to the London Missionary Society last year increased 6,543 pounds over the previous year and Mr. Shillito reports in *Christian Century* that this is true of all the missionary societies in England.

A church paper tells that Mercer University and the Methodist Wesleyan University, Macon, Ga., united in a baccalaureate service this commencement. Our Baptist Stetson University, Florida, conferred in absentia the honorary degree of Doctor of Humanities upon Mme. Chiang Kai-shek at this commencement.

Dr. J. M. Dawson of Waco, Texas, reports that Frank Phillips, Bartlesville, Okla., has recently paid off all the indebtedness of the 34 churches of the city. In this city the Methodist, Presbyterian and Christian churches conduct union Sunday night services throughout the year. Dr. Dawson also reports that Mrs. L. W. Alexander of the First Church, Waco, Texas, supports 12 foreign missionaries and recently made an airplane tour of South America, visiting the mission stations.

It is reported that "the United Brethren and the Evangelical Churches have agreed to unite in 1946." The membership of these two denominations is about 680,000.

Dr. William Lloyd Imes, pastor of the St. James Presbyterian Church, (colored), New York City has been elected a member of the board of trustees of Union Seminary. He is the first Negro to be elected "a member of any large seminary board." He graduated from Fisk University in 1910 and Union Seminary in 1915.

Dr. Louie D. Newton in the Christian Index thinks it's time to protest when "the FHA refuses to allow a burned meeting house to be rebuilt in Philadelphia, yet granted a gambling concern the right to build a million-dollar race track outside of Camden, N. J." He also quotes *Extension,* a Roman Catholic missionary magazine, stating in April, 1942, that "If the Government of the U. S. wants to retain the good will and friendship of the Latin-American countries, these pernicious Protestant 'missionary' activities must cease." This does not come from the South American countries but from the Roman Catholic hierarchy in the United States.

A few Sundays ago a great celebration was held in Atlanta, Ga., honoring Dr. E. R. Carter, for 60 years pastor of the Friendship Baptist Church. Dr. Carter was "slave-born in Athens, Ga." Six thousand people, half of them Negroes, assembled in the municipal auditorium when Dr. George W. Truett delivered the sermon. Other speakers included Dr. W. A. Fountain, Sr., Bishop of the A.M.E. Church; Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president of the Southern Baptist Seminary, Mayor George B. Lyle and many other prominent men of all leading denominations and organizations in Georgia. Letters were read from President Roosevelt, Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, U. S. Senator Walter F. George, John D. Rockefeller, Jr. and others.

The Congregational - Christian Church, in seeking to help its men serving as chaplains, "presents each one with a miniature communion set, consisting of a cross, two candle-sticks, a plate for the bread, a tray of 38 individual glasses and a container for the wine enclosed neatly in a case which, when open, forms a small altar."

Rev. J. Clyde Clark, "The Sand Hill Parson", was given a splendid "write-up" in *The Protestant Voice*, in the issue of May 22.

During the three years Dr. H. H. Straton has been pastor of the First Church, Detroit, the entire indebtedness of $45,000 has been paid. During the past year the church raised over $40,000 including $10,000 for missions, and the pastor welcomed 104 new members.

At the 117th anniversary of the American Tract Society, General Secretary Wm. H. Matthews announced that during the past year 2,551,100 pieces of Christian literature had been distributed. "The Society has sent 30 selected samples to the 2,700 Protestant chaplains, offering each a full supply."

Ninety-three students were graduated this spring from the Union Theological Seminary, including eight Baptists. The Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, conferred 33 degrees, including 8 doctorates. Dr. Edgar Godbold delivered the baccalaureate address. The largest class in the history of Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kan., was graduated this year. The editor of this page delivered the commencement address on "The People Called Baptists and Religious Liberty in the United States."

At the Franklin College commencement Dr. Elam Anderson, president of Redlands University, delivered the Commencement address.

The Austin Baptist Church, Chicago, Dr. F. Erdmann Smith, pastor, has a record for giving which is probably unequaled in the Northern Convention. Last year the church gave $37.50 per capita, which included every member, resident and non-resident, active and inactive.

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DEATHS

Among those who have been called to their eternal reward during the past few weeks are Dr. ZeBarney T. Phillips, 67, dean of the Washington Episcopal Cathedral and for many years chaplain of the United States Senate. . . . Mrs. Hubert C. Matthews, wife of the pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, San Jose, Calif. . . . Rev. H. S. Weeks, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Littleton, N. H. . . . Rev. C. P. Hanson, U. S. Army Chaplain from Alton, N. H., serving at St. John's Newfoundland. . . . Rev. Charles L. Kau, 51, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Phoenix, Ariz. . . .

And Rev. T. W. Henshaw, 57, Ottawa, Kan. . . . Dr. J. D. Jones, Congregational minister at Bournemouth, England. . . . Prof. B. J. Robinson, Chicago Theological Seminary since 1909. . . . Rev. Franklin Cole Sherman, rector Grace Episcopal Church, and Rev. Charles C. Penfold, minister First United Presbyterian Church, Cleveland, O. . . . Mrs. Lillian B. Meeser, Pittsburgh, Pa., widow of Dr. Spencer B. Meeser, professor in Crozer Seminary for more than 20 years. . . . Rev. Daniel E. Hatt, Lynden, Wash., for many years a faithful minister in Canada and the northwestern states. . . . Rev. R. Daniel Trick, New Milford, Conn. . . .

Also William E. Sweet, 73, Denver, ex-governor of Colorado and at the time of his death moderator of the General Council of Congregational and Christian churches. . . . Warren Logan, Tuskegee, who served for 42 years as assistant to Dr. Booker T. Washington. . . . Dr. John F. Watts, 73, White Marsh, Md. . . . Mrs. Winifred B. Simpson, wife of Rev. E. L. Simpson, Jefferson, Maine. . . . Dr. John S. Chadwick, Birmingham, Ala., for many years correspondent for the *Christian Century*. . . .

Rev. Harry C. VanMeter, Brooklyn, N. Y., a Junior in Eastern Seminary, who was accidentally drowned while attempting to rescue his nephew, a boy of nine. . . . Rev. Peter C. Collins, Middleton, Conn. . . . Rev. Charles A. Soars, D.D., Philadelphia, who served for 30 years as executive secretary for Pennsylvania (1901-1931). . . . Dr. Chas. T. Goodsell, distinguished member of the faculty of Kalamazoo College, who died suddenly while addressing students in the College chapel. . . . Rev. George W. Fowler, 52, pastor of the Baptist Church at Broken Bow, Neb. . . . Mrs. Eleanor M. Robertson Easley, wife of Rev. John A. Easley, pastor of the First Church, Wake Forest. N. C.

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Death has no seasons but calls at all times during the year. This summer the following have answered that summons to the higher life: Rev. Denver A. Chapman, 51, Farmersville, N. Y., for 25 years a faithful minister . . .Rev. Andrew Petersen, 56, pastor of the Baptist church at Missouri Valley, Ia. . . . Rev. Daniel E. Hatt, Lynden, Wash., for many years manager of the A.B.P.S. bookstore at Seattle. . . . .

And Rev. Robert E. Farrier, 84, Ridgeway, N. J., pastor and for a number of years promotion director for the New York Convention . . . Rev. John A. Hughes, London, prominent Quaker, author of "The Light of Christ in a Pagan World." . . . Rev. Charles R. Hench, 67, Camden, executive secretary of the Camden Baptist Extension Society for the past 22 years . . .

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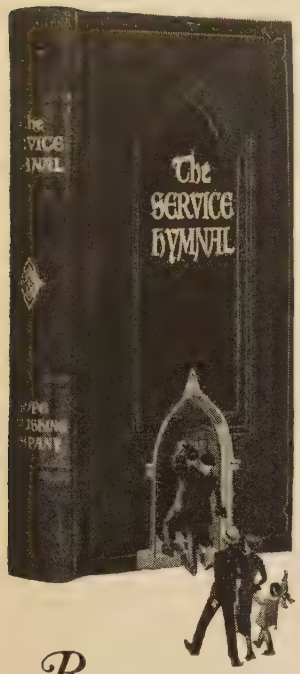

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And Dr. A. J. Barton, 75, Nashville, Tenn., for more than half a century a prominent leader of Southern Baptists in many fields of service . . . LaRue Coleman, Dallas, son of Robert H. Coleman, noted song-book publisher . . . Dr. John S. Chadwick, Alabama, for many years editor of Alabama Christian Advocate and assistant editor of the Christian Advocate . . . Miss Mary J. Jones, Etna, Pa., home missionary for years in western Pennsylvania . . . Mrs. W. D. Upshaw, Greenwood, S. C., wife of Hon. William D. Upshaw of Georgia . . . Rev. Joseph M. Long, 79, Hyattsville, Md., minister of many years, master of six languages and 10 musical instruments, died from automobile injuries . . . Dr. Robert J Davison, 78, Los Angeles, first member of the Friends Foreign Mission Association in China, whose father for many years was also a missionary to China. . . . .

And Rev. J. R. Taylor, 63, Yuma, Arizona, for many years a beloved pastor in Kansas . . . Dr. Henry E. Tralle, 75, Washington, D. C., known throughout the Northern Convention as a great leader in Christian Education and church building work . . . Mrs. Annie L. Jones, Minerva, N. Y., known as "Mother Jones", with two daughters serving as missionaries in India . . . Dr. Arthur T. Belknap, Waterbury, Maine, who served as minister, professor in Franklin College and Mansfield State Teachers College, Mansfield, Pa., and President of Grand Island College, Nebr., 1919-1920 . . . and Rev. Wm. C. Tatem, 66, Terre Haute, Ind., pastor in Indiana for 28 years.

Also Rev. Hardie Connor, Nampa, Idaho . . .Robert J. McMahon, prominent layman and member of the Board of Managers of the Idaho Baptist Convention . . . Dr. John A. Graham, Kalimpong in the Himalayas, one of the great missionaries of the Church of Scotland . . . Mrs. Homer C. Lyman, DeLand, Fla., wife of Dr. Homer C. Lyman of New York state . . . Dr. Melbourne P. Boyntton, 74, Chicago, pastor of the Woodlawn Church, Chicago, from 1897 to 1937 . . . Dr. Charles A. Jones, 73, Columbia, S. C. state convention secretary for South Carolina, who died suddenly, shortly after the San Antonio Convention where he served as vice-president. . . . .

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Long Term of Service

Missionaries from Burma at the Northern Baptist Convention in Cleveland with long terms of service as follows held a happy reunion: Mrs. H. H. Yilbe, 45 years; Mrs. D. C. Gilmore, 40 years; Miss Clara B. Tingley, 35 years; Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Spring, 32 years; Rev. and Mrs. M. L. Streeter, 32 years; Miss Helen K. Hunt, 23 years; Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Darrow, 22 years; Miss Gertrude R. Anderson, 22 years; and Mrs. George D. Josif, 20 years. . . . . .

Also Dr. John A. Hutton, London, for many years editor of The British Weekly, has celebrated his 50th year in the ministry. . . Mrs. G. H. Roberts, organist of the First church, Hampton, Iowa, was honored by the church on the 50th anniversary as organist. . . Rev. Brewster Adams, recently celebrated his 32nd anniversary as pastor of the Baptist church in Reno, Nevada. . . Dr. George W. Coleman of Boston celebrated his 75th birthday and 34th anniversary as president of the Ford Hall Forum. . . . . .

And the Maine Baptist Messenger reports that one feature of the state convention was the honoring of men who had serviced their churches ten years or longer as follows: for 23 years, Rev. G. Howard Newton, Norway and Rev. Wm. Terrill, Cardville; for 19 years, Dr. Wm. H. Jones, Portland, Rev. B. H. Tilton, Westbrook and Rev. O. E. Thomas, Bradley; for 18 years, Rev. A. M. Winsor, Bangor; for 16 years, Dr. Wm. R. Wood, Augusta; for 15 years, Rev. A. G. Henderson, Armington; for 14 years, Rev. Mildred Huffman, East Winthrop and Rev. J. C. McDonald, Rockland; for 13 years, Russell Wallace, Ogunquit, Dr. Percy L. Vernon, Lewiston, Rev. F. S. Kinley, Livermore Falls, Rev. Andrew Young, Harrison, Rev. Charles Frederich, Rangeley, Rev. H. B. Wheeler, Cherryfield; for 12 years, Rev. Walter Lyons, Milltown, Rev. A. E. Kingsley, Yarmouth; for 11 years, Rev. Benjamin Beatty, Hermon, Rev. L. L. Dunn, Gardiner, Rev. Helen Holman, Kingfield, Rev. Chas. R. Sims, Bath; and for 10 years, Rev. E. A. Rockwell, Oakland. . . .

And Mr. Henry Roth was honored by the First church, Long Beach, Calif., on the 25th anniversary of his service as custodian of the church . . . Mrs. W. C. Mann and Mrs. J. Elmer Slider have each served as department superintendents in the Sunday school of the Baptist Tabernacle, Atlanta, Ga. . . . Rev. E. A. Jackson, Tecumseh, Nebr., will retire October first after more than 40 years in the pastorate.

And Rev. Ralph A. Sherwood has celebrated his 25th anniversary as pastor of the First church, Salem, Mass. . . . and when Rev. M. P. Hunt resigned as pastor of the Eighteenth Street Baptist church, Louisville, Ky., he closed 61 years of active pastoral work . . . Dr. W. B. Riley, Minneapolis, was the speaker at the 10th anniversary of the service of Rev. S. P. Anderson as pastor of the Immanuel Baptist church, Westbrook, Minn. . . . Hundreds of friends gathered at the home of Dr. B. J. W. Graham, Palmetto, Ga., to celebrate his 80th birthday. . . . .

And Garrett Biblical Institute, Chicago, has honored Dr. Horace G. Smith,

on his 10th anniversary as president . . . Dr. Lindsay B. Longacre, retires from his teaching position with the Iliff School of Theology, Denver, after more than 30 years service . . . Dr. Hugh A. Moran, retires as university pastor of the Presbyterian church at Cornell University, after 23 years of service . . . The Los Angeles Theological Seminary celebrated the golden wedding anniversary of President and Mrs. Wm. A. Matthews by receiving special gifts amounting to $12,000 to retire the mortgage against the seminary property . . . Dr. James M. Shelburne, after 21 years with the First church, Danville, Va., has retired and the church elected him pastor emeritus without change in his salary . . . during the 20 years Dr. Thomas V. McCaul has been pastor of the First church, Gainesville, Fla., the membership has grown from 333 to over 1,600 . . .

And the Tremont Temple in Boston has honored Miss Miletta M. Wolfe, who has served as assistant treasurer for 30 years . . . Dr. George Middleton has served the Calvary church, Rochester, N. Y. for 20 years . . . Mrs. Helen Tate D'Aboy, Hanson Place church, Brooklyn, N. Y., was presented with a Bible and purse of money on her tenth anniversary as editor of *Echoes*, the alumnae quarterly of the Baptist Missionary Training School, Chicago . . . in Washington, D. C., Dr. John C. Ball has celebrated his 39th anniversary with the Metropolitan Baptist church and Dr. John E. Briggs has celebrated his 33rd anniversary with the Fifth Baptist church . . . Dr. J. Edward Nash has completed 50 years with the Michigan Avenue church (Colored) Buffalo, N. Y. . . . after 20 years as editor of the Canadian Baptist; Rev. L. F. Kipp has resigned, effective September first . . . in Ohio Rev. T. H. Binford has served the Arlington Street church, Akron, for 12 years and Dr. Leland J. Powell has served the Norwood church for 17 years.

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DR. E. H. DUTTON HONORED

Dr. E. H. Dutton, beloved and honored by so many, spent his seventieth birthday, July 22nd, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. K. W. Stifer, in Woodbury, New Jersey. He received many messages of congratulation from friends near and far, especially New York where he spent so much of his fruitful ministry.

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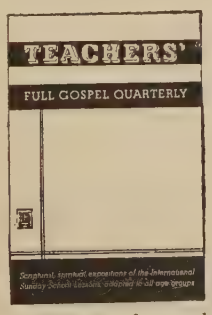

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Selection No. 2

REALITY IN PREACHING. Muhlenberg Press. 168 pp. $1.50.

These are the Kessler Lectures delivered at the Hamma Divinity School Wittenburg College, Springfield, Ohio, in 1940 by Russell Snyder, Professor of Practical Theology, Lutheran Seminary, Philadelphia; Otta A. Piper, Professor of Theology, Princeton; Oscar F. Blackwelder, Lutheran Pastor, Washington; and Fred C. Wiegman, President of Western Theological Seminary.

Dr. Snyder's two lectures on the "Place and Use of Scripture in Preaching" are addressed to Lutherans and are largely pleas for more Bible in the Lutheran pulpit. They offer reminders rather than information. Dr. Piper writes about "Doctrine and History and Preaching." After calling attention to the renewed interest in theology in all Protestant churches, he explains the reason for this, then tells what the prerequisites are for doctrinal preaching. Both chapters are profound and exceedingly well worthwhile. Dr. Blackwelder is gracious and erudite in discussing The Place of Culture in Preaching." He directs attention to the Person who is Preacher, then goes on to conclude that "effectiveness and excellence in preachiing are dependent to a large extent upon the preacher's social culture. The final chapter is by Dr. Wiegman. He presents "The Preacher's Fervor." There is little in this lecture to command attention.

Though the book is addressed to Lutherans and possesses some of the narrowness often found in denominationally minded books, (especially in Dr. Snyder's lectures) every minister will be helped mentally and spiritually by reading these lectures.

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By

John Bowlby, M. D. Emerson. 280 pp. $2.75.

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The Musings of An Angler. O. Warren Smith. Barnes. 187 pp. $2.00. A collection of thirty-one brief articles that deal with other subjects, i. e., "Orders of the Open, First Snow, Beyond Silence," etc., besides angling. The author, a Christian, has written a delightful book for summer reading.

The Preacher's Manual. By John H. C. Fritz. Concordia House. 390 pp. $3.00. A study in homiletics, with studies in sermon construction, delivery, and pulpit presentation. A brief history of preaching, with suggestions for texts for various occasions, and an outline of the "Pericopic Systems" constitute the material offered in these pages.

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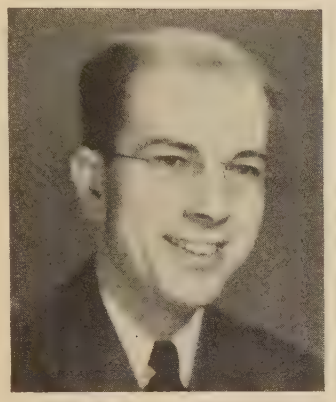
Some of these areas are truly church extension centers while others will be exclusive mission centers. The Avondale, Md. area gives a complete picture of both. A church extension center is one which will become an established church. A mission center is such as those in the areas that will be sustained exclusively by the convention. This area has four divisions of sub-divisions respective. Rev. Paul Bell is directing the Avondale work.

In Avondale proper is located the church extension center which will culminate into a church. Also a nearby Kaywood Gardens Apt. buildings subdivision will support the church extension center, a home to be used for class rooms until proper facilities can be acquired. Queens Chapel Manor and Brookside Manor will be mission centers but all four of the districts named are one project. The census of these areas show between twelve and fifteen thousand.

This type of pioneering provides a most excellent training field for many teachers and officers from the Washington churches. It brings to the young people a great opportunity for serving in many capacities such as forming canvassing committees, building training union programs to be interchanged with the talent found in these areas but most important is the rendered service in His vineyard by giving their testimony with the vitality of youth and vigor of enthusiastic praise given expression. Pray! Baptist churches for this endeavor. We have a white harvest field, and God will bless us in the reaping—NOW!

District B. T. U. and Sunday School Worker's Training Schools To Be Headed By J. E. Lambdin, J. P. Edmunds and Gaye McGlothlen

SCHOOL DIRECTOR



REV. GAYE MCGLOTHLEN

Mrs. J. O. Williams To Teach B. A. U. Manual at District Training School, September 7-11

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Sunday School Training Week Set for October 26-30

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Both at National Memorial Baptist Church

The week of September 7 to 11 will feature a central training school for all the Washington Baptist churches when several classes in the Baptist Training Union Study Course series will be held. A similar school is planned for the week of October 26 to 30 when courses from the Sunday School workers series will be presented. In both instances the faculties will be composed of specialists in their subjects from outside the District, plus qualified teachers from the local churches.

The general Baptist Training Union Manual is to be taught by Dr. J. E. Lambdin, Nashville, Tennessee, who is the Secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board in charge of the activities of the Baptist Training Union program for the Southern Baptist Convention. Others who will be with Mr. Lambdin and who will teach specialized manuals for the various age-group unions include Mr. C. Aubrey Hearn, Mrs. J. E. Lambdin, and Miss Elaine Coleman. Two additional manuals will be taught by Miss Ethel Morris and Miss Martha Dorroh of Washington. In addition to these "methods" courses, three classes will be held for those not desiring to take the manuals. The class for Juniors will be taught by Mrs. Gaye L. McGlothlen; the group for the Intermediates by Howard Rees; and the group for young people and adults by Rev. J. Ray Garrett.

The faculty members for the Sunday School courses who have been secured thus far include Mr. J. P. Edmunds and Miss Mary Alice Biby of Nashville, Tenn.; Miss Caroline Henderson of Baltimore, Md.; Dr. W. A. Gardiner, Louisville, Ky.; and Rev. Jampes P. Rodgers and Rev. J. Herrick Hall of Washington. Additional faculty members and the courses they will teach are to be announced later.

These two schools will provide an excellent opportunity for the workers in the youth groups and Sunday Schools of the local churches to receive some needed training and inspiration and the churches are looking forward to the fellowship to be provided through these classes.

1942-43 Convention Budget

Here is the proposed budget of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention for the year 1942-43. The detailed budget has been sent to all pastors and churches:

Administration	$10,310.00
Missions	33,500.00
Institutions	15,800.00
Education	8,500.00
Promotion	6,100.00
General Fund	5,000.00
Northern and Southern Conventions	36,140.00
TOTAL	$115,350.00

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Baptist Convention Expansion Program 1942-1943

GENERAL ORGANIZATION

Unchanged, except for an amendment to By-laws permitting the Presidents of the Woman's Missionary Association, the Men's Council, the Association of Training and the Sunday School Association to be added to the Executive Committee of the Convention.

DEPARTMENTS

I
MISSIONS

1. Organization:
   a. Superintendent of missions directing
   b. Field workers as needed
   c. Woman's Missionary Association—Men's Council—Convention's Relations Committee—City Missions Committee—Missions, Home and Foreign—Ministerial Educational—Cooperation with Colored Baptist Churches—Evangelism

2. Objectives:
   a. Establishment of mission centers in unchurched or needy areas
   b. Establishment of churches where needed and situation warrents
   c. Helping churches needing assistance
   d. Securing and sustaining missionary pastors
   e. Assisting ministerial students
   f. Promoting evangelism throughout the Convention
   g. Correlating all resources in mission activities

3. Methods:
   a. Survey of District areas with populations not accessible to churches
   b. Census of districts in these areas thought likely to need a mission extension work
   c. Lease or rent suitable quarters for such work
   d. Obtain sponsorship of nearest Baptist church or churches
   e. Staff from Associations of Sunday School, Training, Men's Council, and Woman's Missionary until able to staff from within
   f. Maintain quarters in or adjacent to new dormitory sites
   g. Encourage and strengthen churches needing assistance
   h. Collaborate with our colored Baptist brethren where we can render aid
   i. Sponsor evangelism in all fields of work

II
EDUCATION

1. Organization:
   a. Secretary of Education
   b. Secretary of Baptist Student Union
   c. Sunday School Association
   d. Association of Training

2. Objectives:
   a. Train our staffs to function more efficiently
   b. Enlarge our Sunday Schools and Training Organizations
   c. Develop our work among college students
   d. Sponsor and maintain Training Institutes
   e. Relate this department to expanded program
   f. Progress in educational field

3. Methods:
   a. Thoroughly organize Sunday School Association according to acceptable District of Columbia program standards. All schools of all churches in the Convention to be included
   b. Arrange at least one City-Wide Staff Training Institute a year. Also one local or community study course a year
   c. Train each school staff according to its chosen local program
   d. A full promotion of the educational programs of both the Northern and and Southern Conventions
   e. A yearly program of Sunday School and training work planned by the Secretary of Education in cooperation with his cabinet and staff

III
INSTITUTIONS

1. Organization:
   a. The Chairmen of the Boards of Trustees and the Presidents of the Boards of Managers which comprise an advisory cabinet for institutional problems affecting the Baptist Home for Children, the Home for the Aged, and the Baptist Bible School.

2. Objectives:
   a. To increase the efficiency of our institutions
   b. To acquaint our churches with the institutions representing them
   c. To meet more fully the material needs of these institutions
   d. To promote and complete the erection of a Home for Men

3. Methods:
   a. Such methods as may be deemed advisable by this advisory cabinet and the executive committee in coordination with the full program of the Convention

IV
DEPARTMENT OF PROMOTION

1. Organization:
   a. A director of promotion for this department
   b. The heads of departments and members of the executive committee compose a council of promotion

2. Objectives:
   a. To publicize the entire Convention program so that every member of every church may be thoroughly acquainted with it
   b. To send in to each church systematically information of all Convention work and to assist the churches in its distribution to their members
   c. To utilize all means of publicity, press, radio, etc. to keep our Baptist work before this Convention
   d. To plan and promote a yearly program of activity so that each month will be a period of particular emphasis upon which all churches can unite
   e. To promote the knowledge and subscription of the annual budget; to have in charge the promotion of all special offerings during the year; and to keep before the churches pertinent financial information
   f. To concentrate the activities of all departments so that the program of the Convention will be able to be concentrated at a given point at a given time
   g. In general, all work of promotion including the promoting of the material of both the Northern and Southern Conventions

3. Methods:
   a. Secure departmental programs by month and year from departmental leaders and to coordinate them into a Convention program

b. Utilize the periodical at least monthly to place pertinent facts in the hands of each church family. If possible, make this a budget item

c. Encourage the cooperation of all departments and organizations for the meeting of common objectives

d. Use every method to make an informed membership to become a cooperating unit

There is work for every individual in this plan. No one could ever feel that he is not included, for every member of every church and every Baptist in each organization of every church is included in these plans. A yearly program will enable us to follow them much easier than we have been able to do before. Our financial program in terms of the yearly budget is simply a means to performing the end's objectives, aims and goals of this program. Let's put everything we have into this program this year, not for our own personal or selfish satisfaction, but because together with the Lord we can do great things for the Lord. Remember the Commandment is to advance, a united advance in the Nation's Capital this year.

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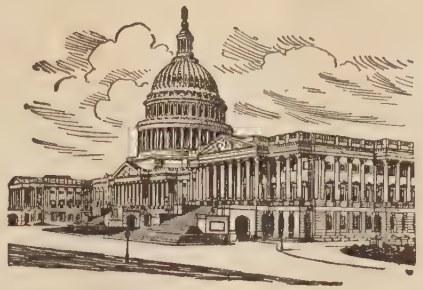
J. E. Lambdin

Mr. J. E. Lambdin, Secretary of the Baptist Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., under whose leadership the Training Union program has become an integral and vital part of thousands of local Baptist churches in the United States, and who, with several associates, will be in Washington September 7-11 to lead in a city-wide central Training School under the auspices of the newly formed Department of Christian Education of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention with the cooperation of the Columbia Federation of Baptist Young People's Unions.



A Calendar of Activities....

IN CONNECTION WITH

THE BAPTIST ADVANCE in the NATION'S CAPITAL

1942

Sept.	7-11	The Convention Training Week, all Training Unions and B. Y. P. U's participating, National Baptist Memorial Church.
	25	Day of Prayer for City Missions in the Nation's Capital, sponsored by the Woman's Baptist Missionary Association; special offering for city missions.
	27	Rally and Promotion Day.
October	2	Sesquicentennial of the beginning of the Modern Missionary Enterprise, Kettering, England. Regular quarterly meeting of the Woman's Baptist Missionary Association.
	4	William Carey Sunday. Rally Week in all departments of the church.
	11	Rally Day in the Sunday Schools.
	25	District of Columbia Baptist Convention Mission Day in the Sunday School. Special Offering for City Mission work.
November	1	Begin Convention Fiscal Year.
	15	Men and Missions Sunday.
	16-18	**Annual meeting of the** District of Columbia Baptist Convention, National Baptist Memorial Church.
	26	Thanksgiving Day.
December	4	Quarterly meeting of the Woman's Baptist Missionary Association; special offering for foreign missions.
	6	Baptist World Emergency Offering in all our churches.
	20	Christmas Sunday.
	27	Student Homecoming Services.

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January	3-9	Week of Prayer. Baptist Youth Advance. Church Schools of Missions. Baptist Hundred Thousand Club.
February	7	Denominational Day. Presentation of Convention Program. Christian Literature. *U. S. Baptist.* Religion in the home. Informed Baptists gladly co-operate.
March	5	Woman's Baptist Missionary Association quarterly meeting. Day of Prayer for home missions. Teaching and Training Study Courses in local churches.
	28	Home and Foreign Mission Day in Sunday Schools.
April		Proposed united evangelistic campaign.
	25	Easter services with special offerings for Baptist World Advance.
May	12-17	Southern Baptist Convention, Memphis, Tenn.
	9	Baptist Institutions of Washington.
June	4	Woman's Baptist Missionary Association quarterly meeting.
	6	Children's Day in Sunday School. Vacation Bible Schools. Braddock Heights Assembly. Ridgecrest Assembly.
	15-20	Northern Baptist Convention, Denver, Colo.
July		Vacation Bible Schools continued.
August		Building of denominational and local church activities calendars.

The Columbia Federation of B. Y. P. U. holds its inspirational meeting the third Tuesday evening of each month; its business meeting the first Tuesday evening.

The Baptist Sunday School Association meets every first Monday in every month.

Please preserve this Calendar for future reference.

CITY-WIDE B. T. U. TRAINING SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 7-11
NATIONAL MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

The Baptist Advance in the Nation's Capital

You are invited to the Baptist Headquarters, 715 8th Street, N. W., to see the newly furnished and redecorated rooms, now occupied by the Baptist World Alliance, Walter O. Lewis, Ph. D., General Secretary; the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, Rufus W. Weaver, D. D., Executive Secretary; the Baptist Bible School, from which B. P. Robertson, D. D., is now retiring as President; the United States Baptist, Rev. Mike Elliott, Editor; the District of Columbia Baptist Convention Foundation, Rev. C. B. Austin, Mr. W. W. Everett and Rev. John E. Briggs, D. D., trustees; the newly organized Department of Christian Education, Rev. Gaye L. McGlothlen, Th. M., Director; the Baptist Student Union, Mr. Howard Rees, Student Secretary, and the Cosmopolitan Class, Professor Oscar Autritt, Leader, for the Russians, the French, the Spanish, and the Germans who seek to speak English and to understand the truths we emphasize. Soon there will be added, made possible by the generous gift of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, a gifted leader who will be superintendent of our rapidly expanding City Mission work. All the leading Baptist papers and magazines are on file. Visit the headquarters and become better acquainted with the many activities now being carried on in this busy place.

The Baptists Advance in Numbers

According to the figures furnished by the Federal Government, the net increase of the white Baptists between 1926 and 1936 in the District of Columbia, was more than ten times greater than the combined net increase of the other five leading evangelical denominations.

The Baptists Advance in Property Holdings

Within the past two years, over $500,000.00 has been expended by nineteen of our Baptist churches in new buildings, in the purchase of property for future enlargements, in improvements and reconstruction, and in the purchase of pastor's homes. The total investment in church property, in the Homes supported by us, and in Trust Funds, exceeds $4,300,000.00, while the total expenditures of the churches for the past year was over $670,000.00.

The Baptists Advance in Zeal For Christ

The number of baptisms reported by the churches for the Convention Year 1941-42, has never been surpassed and equalled only once, 1921, in all our history. New members are coming into our churches at a rate, probably never known before. There has been a corresponding increase in the attendance upon public worship. Thousands are coming to live in the Nation's Capital and many are finding their spiritual home in our churches. Make the acquaintance of these newcomers and persuade them to unite with your church. Every member of every Baptist church in the Nation's Capital is especially commissioned to serve on the Committee on Baptist Hospitality.

The Baptists Advance in Their Bible Schools

The Chairman of the Vacation Bible School Committee, Mr. A. Stanley Ridgway, reports that twenty-two of our churches have this summer conducted Vacation Bible Schools, and an incomplete record of enrolment shows more than 1,200 in attendance. This is an increase of 50% in the number of schools and in the children enrolled, as compared with last year. Washington Baptists led all other cities in the number of its representatives attending Sunday School Week, held this summer at Ridgecrest, N. C. There were 85 present, representing sixteen of our Sunday Schools. Plans have been made for a Convention Training Union Institute, September 7-11, and for a Convention Sunday School Teachers' Institute, October 26-30, both to be held in the National Baptist Memorial Church. A campaign will be inaugurated under the leadership of our new Educational Director, Rev. Gaye L. McGlothlen, seeking to increase our total Sunday School enrolment to 20,000.

The Baptists Advance in Providing Pensions for Pastors

The salaries paid most of our Baptist pastors are surprisingly small. Eleven of them—and no ministers are more faithful—receive less than $2,000.00 annually; nine more are paid less than $3,000.00. The Convention has determined that a proper provision shall be made for these devoted servants of Christ; when the time of their retirement comes. Some of them have been sacrificing to keep up life insurance and pension benefits, paying themselves the entire amount. This surely is not fair. Out of Convention funds 2% of each pastor's salary, therefore, has been set aside to be used whenever any church and its pastor enter into a contract, each to pay 3% of the salary to one or the other of our denominational Pension Boards. Twenty-two of the churches have made contracts with the Relief and Annuity Board, thus assuring their pastor a minimum pension of $600.00 annually when he retires, while five others are negotiating with the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board. It is hoped that every church will enter into this plan.

The Baptists Advance in Co-operation With Northern and Southern Baptists

The District of Columbia Baptist Convention now enters a new era of expansion and cooperation with both the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions. During the past seven months, negotiations have been carried on between committees of the three conventions working to a closer relationship in all of our work. Both the Northern and Southern Conventions will now recognize the District of Columbia Convention as though it were a state convention, representing the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of both the larger Conventions. There could be no greater evidence of the willingness of the two Conventions to meet with us in solving a problem of missions and evangelism than has been done during these months.

We are grateful indeed for the fine spirit manifested and for the concern shown by the leaders of both Conventions to help the District of Columbia at a time when an emergency besets us that we cannot meet alone. We intend to translate this gratitude into terms of active cooperation with both Conventions and to see that the impact of their spirit is permitted to be felt in the Nation's Capital.

The advance in our own expansion program as a Convention has come as a result of the overwhelming increase of population in the District area and the inadequate preparation previously made for any church extension. There are areas in our own boundaries containing from 5,000 to 25,000 people in which there is no church and into which we must take the Christian message. Some of these areas will develop into churches. Some of them will not. We are trying to get a long range view of the entire program and prepare for eventualities in the future. At the same time, we expect to exert every bit of energy and all money available to discharge our responsibilities before God in this city during this unprecedented condition.

The program that we outline in detail has been the matter of prayerful study, consideration, and planning in collaboration with mission agencies of the other

Conventions, and it is specifically designed to meet the need of the District of Columbia area. We urge you to give it your close study. Note where you and your church fit into it and then let us just as prayerfully determine that our responsibility, no matter how small or how great, will be an effective part of the whole.

The Baptists Advance Through Reorganization and Expansion

Through this program not only can our work be greatly expanded and more people reached, but this Convention can effectively aid every church within its boundaries. We are a Convention of Churches, and if our mutual plans are not calculated to assist one another for the expansion of the Lord's work here, then there is no excuse for our existence.

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The above statement needs no comment. It is to the advantage of every young minister in the Southern Baptist Convention to join the Ministers Retirement Plan NOW — without further delay.

For further information and application blanks write:

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Clifford Jenkins Heads Sunday School Association; Next Meeting October 5th

The Sunday School Association, composed of the Sunday Schools of the Baptist churches of the District Convention, launched its enlarged activities at the monthly meeting of the group Monday, August 3rd, at the Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church. Despite the very hot weather the auditorium was crowded by the hundred seventy-five people present from nineteen of the churches and the meeting was characterized by marked interest and enthusiasm. Eleven pastors and associate pastors were among the group. The inspirational part of the meeting centered around a brief talk by Bill Roark, a young man active in National Memorial church, and echoes from the Sunday School meeting at Ridgecrest, including the presentation of motion pictures of the ninety representatives from the District who were present for that meeting.

Of special importance was the report of the nominating committee which had been appointed by President Cecil McLendon. The following officers were elected to serve for the new year: President, Clifford Jenkins, of the East Washington Heights church; Vice President, Herbert Ludwig; Secretary-Treasurer, Ray Torpy; Pianist, Mrs. Ruth Horner; Chorister, Henry Magnuson; Adult Superintendent, Rev. John M. Ballbach; Young People's Supt., B. L. Frederick; Intermediate Supt., Mrs. M. C. Stith; Junior Supt., Miss Maude L. Davis; Beginner Supt., Mrs. Mike Elliott; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. Gaye McGlothlen; Extension Dept. Supt., Mrs. O. R. Balderson; Vacation Bible School Supt., A Stanley Ridgway; Student Work, Supt., Howard Rees; Leadership Training Supt., Rev. A. Lincoln Smith; and Executive Secretary, Gaye L. McGlothlen.

A committee to revise the constitution of the organization was appointed consisting of Roy Greer, Chairman, Dr. R. L. Haycock, Ray Torpy, Stanley Ridgway, Cecil McLendon, and Gaye McGlothlen. The September meeting, which will fall on Labor Day, was cancelled. The officers are to meet early in September to plan for the next year's work. The next meeting will occur Monday, October 5th. Officers, teachers, and workers of all the Sunday Schools are invited. The place of meeting will be announced later.

Summerfield G. Nottingham

"Well done, good and faithful servant!" is the tribute which most fittingly perhaps could be attributed to the late Summerfield G. Nottingham, clerk for many years of the Columbia Association of Baptist Churches and the Convention which succeeded it. This office he filled well and faithfully for eighteen years and upon the occasion of his retirement from this position, on account of failing eyesight, in 1938, he was signally honored by the presentation to him at the annual meeting that year of a memorial plaque suitably inscribed; and at the same time he was elected secretary emeritus of the Convention in which capacity he served until the time of his death on August 13. Well and favorably known by members of our denomination throughout the city through his long and active service in the Convention, he was also an active worker throughout his life in the several individual churches of which he was a member.

For many years he was a member of the Second Baptist Church, which he served as clerk for more than a quarter of a century and in which capacity he was succeeded by Wm. N. Janson who also succeeded him later as clerk, now changed to the title of secretary.

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Ministers Retirement Plan - Southern Baptist Convention

JULY 1, 1942

	PASTORS			CHURCHES		
	Active Pastors in State (Estimate)	Ctft. issued to 7-1-42	% enlisted	Churches listed in State	Churches in Plan	Per Cent Enlisted
Alabama	937	396	42.2	2306	652	28.2
Arkansas	421	340	80.7	929	419	45.1
Arizona	15	6	40.0	15	6	40.0
D. C.	37	19	51.3	31	17	54.8
Florida	536	357	66.6	797	377	47.3
Georgia	845	642	76.0	2557	1100	43.0
Illinois	357	191	53.5	574	251	43.7
Kentucky	1086	400	36.8	2057	498	24.2
Louisiana	495	281	56.7	890	314	35.2
Maryland	70	68	97.0	96	77	80.2
Mississippi	550	267	48.5	1550	443	28.5
Missouri	905	546	60.3	1688	668	39.5
North Carolina	841	368	43.7	2574	571	22.1
New Mexico	74	72	97.2	161	76	47.2
Oklahoma	643	476	74.0	1072	448	41.7
South Carolina	507	420	82.8	1209	676	56.0
Tennessee	1132	491	43.3	2124	686	32.2
Texas	1800	1287	71.5	3204	1491	46.5
Virginia	474	320	67.5	1164	564	48.4
Totals	11,725	6888		24,998	9334	

58.7% of all the pastors in S.B.C. enlisted.
37% of all the churches enlisted.

Dues on approximately 70% of the salaries paid by all the 24,998 churches in the S.B.C. are now being collected.

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Total of salaries on which dues are now being paid approximately nine million dollars. "AND YET THERE IS ROOM."

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YOUNG MINISTERS ARE JOINING RETIREMENT PLAN

Young Baptist ministers throughout the South are recognizing the advantages of the Ministers Retirement Plan, administered by the Relief and Annuity Board, Dallas, and are joining in large numbers, Dr. Thos. J. Watts, Executive Secretary, reports.

During the six months ending June 30, 1942, there was an increase in the number of certificates issued of 1,500. The average age of this group was 42.1 years. Young ministers are coming to see the value of early and continuous participation in the Plan. Seasoned insurance executives have told them that no insurance company can do for them what the Ministers Retirement Plan can do, because of its contributory features. It stands to reason that payments made by both the church and the state, added to the minister's own payment, will buy more than his own payment alone would do.

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TAKOMA PARK

The principal recent event has been the dedication of our service flag on July 26th. Twenty-eight stars on the flag represent those who are in the armed forces of our country. One gold star stands for one who has given his life in the service.

The dedication service which was used recently in the dedication of our new hymn books, written by the pastor, appears in the August number of *The Expositor*, published at Cleveland, Ohio. A picture of the beautiful entrance to our church appears on the front page. We are happy over this bit of national publicity.

The Rev. Charles E. Deems, of New Brunswick, New Jersey, was the guest preacher on August 9th. The pastor will exchange pulpits with Rev. Bernard Braskamp, of the Gunton Temple Memorial Presbyterian Church, on September 6th. Other vacation plans have not been made.

The young people have continued their Sunday evening meetings throughout the summer being assisted by our young people's worker, Nathanael B. Habel, Crozer Seminary Student.

At the quarterly meeting of the church held on August 3rd, twenty-six names were dropped from our membership. This makes fifty-four names removed during the past six months. It represents persons who have scarcely been inside the church or given it any support in the past ten years.

We omit our evening services from July 1st to our annual rally day on September 27th. At that time we hope to see all our work revived and set forward with vigor. We have received several additions to the church during the summer and have lost a number of splendid families who by government order have removed to other cities.

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RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

First Baptist

Summer heat and vacations seem to have had little, if any, effect upon the activities and size of audiences at the First Baptist Church. During the absence of the pastor, Dr. Edward Hughes Pruden, on his vacation in August, the pulpit was filled by a number of leading ministers of the denomination, both from the Northern and Southern Conventions. The report of the treasurer, Dr. Thomas R. Wilson, covering the first quarter of the church year up to August 1, was one of the most gratifying and satisfactory ever presented to the church showing financial gains all along the line, a total of $14,267, having been received from all sources during the quarter as compared with $10,481 in the corresponding period last year. The gain through envelope contributions was shown to be $1,670 and through loose-plate collections $921. The church debt as of August 1 was reported as only $4,700 as against $9,953 a year earlier.

Vacation Assignment

We dare suggest that you assign yourself to reading these three books because we sincerely believe you will enjoy them. We believe too that they will give you that particular mental stimulus and spiritual "lift" a real vacation should provide.

The Art of Building Worship Services

By THOMAS BRUCE McDORMAND

This book grew out of the request of a group of young people that the worship service of the church be made more beautiful, reverent, and meaningful. Its purpose is to develop initiative in putting into effect plans for creating interest, variety, and timeliness in worship services of the church in all of its departments. (26b) $1.50

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The thirteen sermons comprising the Baptist Radio Hour of 1941 make a "must" companion volume for *Faith of Our Fathers*. There are messages by Dr. M. E. Dodd, Dr. George W. Truett, Dr. A. J. Moncrief, Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, Dr John H. Buchanan, Dr. J. Clyde Turner, Dr. John R. Sampey, Dr. C. C. Morris, Dr. T. F. Adams, Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Dr. John L. Hill, and Dr. W. W. Hamilton. (26b) $1.00

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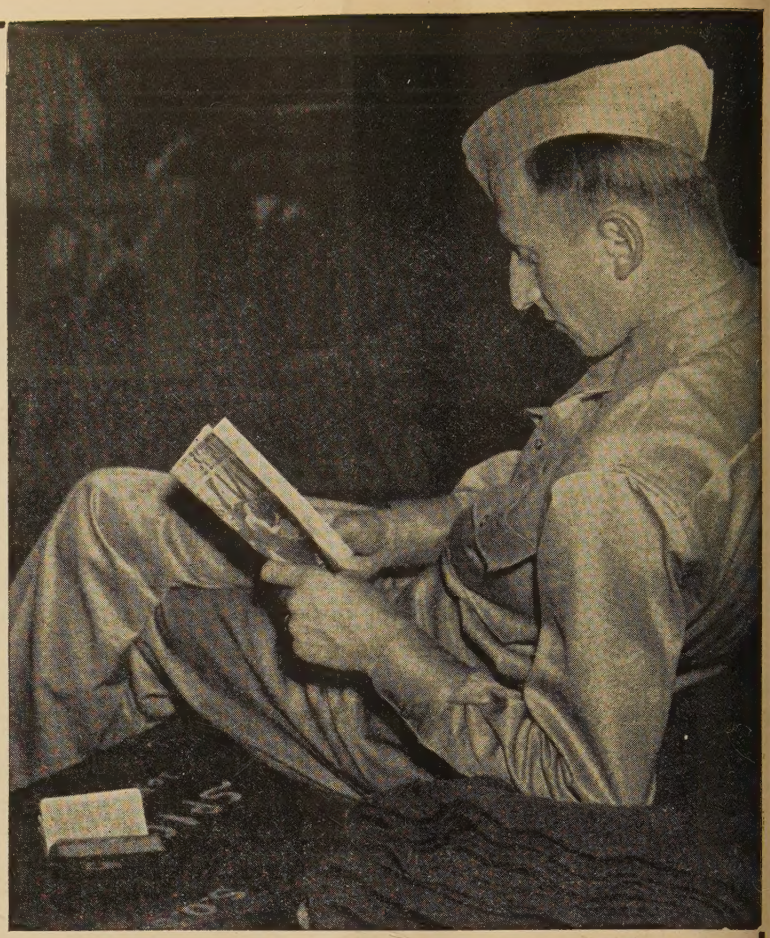

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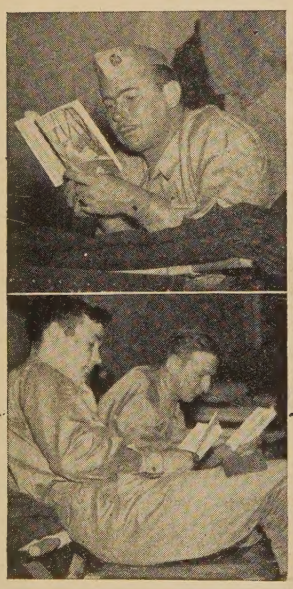

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